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Turner Makes More Than Mondale, Burger

Pension Boosts CIA Chief's Pay to \$81,000

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By beating a pension ceiling deadline CIA Director Stansfield Turner has won a 41 percent pay increase, boosting his total government income to nearly \$81,000 a year.

Turner's income now exceeds the \$75,000 a year paid to Vice President Walter Mondale and Supreme Court Justice Warren Burger, and the \$66,000 a year salaries received by Cabinet secretaries.

Turner's pay boost is the result of his decision on the last day of 1978 to retire from the Navy as a four-star admiral, which immediately made him eligible for a \$23,390 a year pension to add to the \$57,500 he earns as CIA chief.

Had Turner waited until tomorrow to retire, he would have had to forfeit his pension while in his present government job.

This is because Congress last year placed a ceiling of \$47,500 on the combined federal pay plus federal pension future military retirees can receive. The law takes effect today.

Turner, however, retired officially Dec. 31, in plenty of time to beat the deadline.

The National Taxpayers Union, a national anti-tax lobbying organization, pointed out Turner's action and urged in a letter the CIA chief and all other federal employees earning \$57,500 a year or more "voluntarily abstain from collecting 'dual compensation' while they are in public office."

"This is a fiscal outrage against the American taxpayer in view of the so-called war on inflation, a soaring \$123 billion defense budget with over \$10 billion a year in military pension outlays alone,"

said NTU research director Sid Taylor in his letter to Turner.

Taylor said "double dippers" like Turner cost the taxpayers about \$1 billion a year in added pension costs.

It is estimated that about 3,000 retired military personnel in second-career jobs on the federal payroll are earning from \$50,000 to \$80,000 per year in combined pay plus pension income.

He further charged that Turner's action was "a violation of President Carter's 7 percent wage-price guidelines — by government itself."

Meanwhile, Turner is in line for another pay raise in March. That is when he and thousands of other pensioners will receive at least a 3.3 percent cost of living increase, which is granted twice a year.